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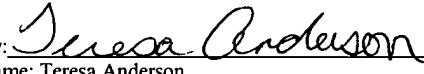
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	DENIAU et al.	Examiner:	unknown
Serial No.:	unknown	Group Art Unit:	unknown
Filed:	31 December 2003	Docket No.:	11123.79US01
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that all of the references listed except EP 1 231 327 were cited in a French Search Report dated 1 September 2003. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

English abstracts are provided for DE 39 33 168 and EP 1 231 327.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

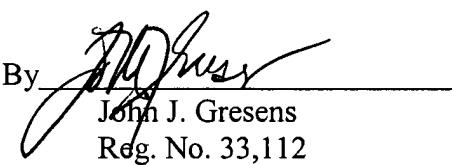
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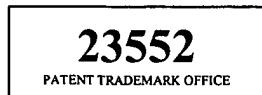
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	5 295 735	22 March 1994	COBBS et al.			
	4 371 210	1 Feb. 1983	LEIBEE			
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	DE 39 33 168	19 April 1990	Germany			abstract
	FR 1 445 627	20 Oct. 1966	France			X
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